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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

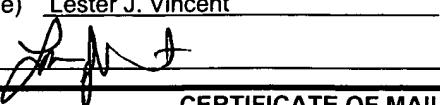
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Application No. 09/405,826
Filing Date September 24, 1999
First Named Inventor Annette Wagner
Art Unit 2681
Examiner Name Beamer, Temica M.
Attorney Docket No. 82225P2813D3

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** – Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply 12/27/2005 SSESHE1 00000042 09405826 790.00 OP
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other Cross-Reference Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) to Related Applications (2 pgs.)
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action
 - iv. Other Any fee deficiency
 - b. Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type) Lester J. Vincent Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 31,460
Signature  Date December 21, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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Name (Print/Type) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR RCEs

(Not to be submitted to the USPTO)

NOTES:

An RCE is not a new application, and filing an RCE will not result in an application being accorded a new filing date.

Filing Qualifications:

The application must be a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. The application cannot be a provisional application, a utility or plant application filed before June 8, 1995, a design application, or a patent under reexamination. See 37 CFR 1.114(e).

Filing Requirements:

Prosecution in the application must be closed. Prosecution is closed if the application is under appeal, or the last Office action is a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., an Office action under Ex parte Quayle). See 37 CFR 1.114(b).

A submission and a fee are required at the time the RCE is filed. If reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding (e.g., the application is under final rejection), the submission must meet the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. If there is no outstanding Office action, the submission can be an information disclosure statement, an amendment, new arguments, or new evidence. See 37 CFR 1.114(c). The submission may be a previously filed amendment (e.g., an amendment after final rejection).

WARNINGS:

Request for Suspension of Action:

All RCE filing requirements must be met before suspension of action is granted. A request for a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) does not satisfy the submission requirement and does not permit the filing of the required submission to be suspended.

Improper RCE will NOT toll Any Time Period:

Before Appeal – If the RCE is improper (e.g., prosecution in the application is not closed or the submission or fee has not been filed) and the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the last Office action will continue to run and the application will be abandoned after the statutory time period has expired if a reply to the Office action is not timely filed. No additional time will be given to correct the improper RCE.

Under Appeal – If the RCE is improper (e.g., the submission or the fee has not been filed) and the application is under appeal, the improper RCE is effective to withdraw the appeal. Withdrawal of the appeal results in the allowance or abandonment of the application depending on the status of the claims. If there are no allowed claims, the application is abandoned. If there is at least one allowed claim, the application will be passed to issue on the allowed claim(s). See MPEP 1215.01.

See MPEP 706.07(h) for further information on the RCE practice.

**FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2005**

Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 790.00**Complete if Known:**

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Check Credit Card Money Order None Other (please identify)

Deposit AccountDeposit Account Number : 02-2666

Deposit Account Name: _____

The Director is Authorized to do the following with respect to the above-identified Deposit Account:

Charge fee(s) indicated below.
 Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) during the pendency of this application.
 Charge fee(s) indicated below except for the filing fee
 Credit any overpayments.
 Any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time should be treated as incorporating an appropriate petition for extension of time and all required fees should be charged.

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fees Paid (\$)
Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee Description	
1011	300	Utility application filing fee	
1111	500	Utility search fee	
1311	200	Utility examination fee	
1012	200	Design application filing fee	
1112	100	Design search fee	
1312	130	Design examination fee	
1013	200	Plant filing fee	
1113	300	Plant search fee	
1313	160	Plant examination fee	
1004	300	Reissue filing fee	
1114	500	Reissue search fee	
1314	600	Reissue examination fee	
1005	200	Provisional application filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			<u>\$ 0.00</u>

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

				<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee from below</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Total Claims		- 20 or HP =		X	=	
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20						
Independent Claims		- 3 or HP =		X	=	
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3						
Multiple Dependent Claims					=	
Large Entity		Small Entity				
Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee			
Code	(\\$)	Code	(\\$)	<u>Fee Description</u>		
1202	50	2202	25	Each claim over 20		
1201	200	2201	100	Each independent claim over 3		
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid		
1204	200	2204	100	Reissue: each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent		
1205	50	2205	25	Reissue: each independent claim more than in the original patent		
SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0.00						

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

<u>Total Sheets</u>	<u>Extra Sheets</u>	<u>Number of each add'l 50 or fraction thereof</u>	<u>Fee from below</u>	<u>Fees paid (\$)</u>
_____	– 100 = _____ / 50 = _____ (round up to whole number)	X	_____	_____

Large Entity		Small Entity		<u>Fee Description:</u> Application size fee for each additional group of 50 sheets beyond initial 100 sheets (count spec & drawings except sequences & program listings):
Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	
Code	(\\$)	Code	(\\$)	
1081	250	2081	125	Utility
1082	250	2082	125	Design
1083	250	2083	125	Plant
1084	250	2084	125	Reissue

SUBTOTAL (3) \$ 0.00

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)			
Fee	Fee	Fee	
Code	(\$)	Code	(\$)
1051	130	2051	65
1052	50	2052	25
1053	130	1053	130
1812	2,520	1812	2,520
1813	8,800	1813	8,800
1804	920*	1804	920*
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*
1251	120	2251	60
1252	450	2252	225
1253	1,020	2253	510
1254	1,590	2254	795
1255	2,160	2255	1,080
1401	500	2401	250
1402	500	2402	250
1403	1,000	2403	500
1451	1,510	1451	1,510
1452	500	2452	250
1453	1,500	2453	750
1501	1,400	2501	700
1502	800	2502	400
1503	1100	2503	550
1462	400	1462	400
1463	200	1463	200
1464	130	1464	130
1807	50	1807	50
1806	180	1806	180
8021	40	8021	40
1809	790	2809	395
1814	130	2814	65
1810	790	2810	395
1801	790	2801	395
1802	900	1802	900
1504	300	1504	300
1505	300	1505	300
1803	130	1803	130
1808	130	1808	130
1454	1,370	1454	1,370
Other fee (specify) _____			
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SUBTOTAL (4) \$ 790.00			
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid			
SUBMITTED BY:			
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